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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace current paragraphs [0025] and [0033], with the following in which reference numerals have been included for valve seats. Support is found in originally filed Figures 9 and 11.

[0025] Referring to FIG 9, four millimeter tubing 71 connects to one end of the three-way valve, which is coupled to a nitrogen source for controlling the valve. Six millimeter tubing 74 connects to the other end of the three-way valve, which is also coupled to a nitrogen source for controlling the valve. According to one aspect of the present invention, when the nitrogen pressure is removed, a default neutral state is achieved in which both valve seats 84a, 84b of the three-way valve are open (see FIG. 11), thereby preventing solids buildup or gluing of the valve seats 84a, 84b closed by drying agents. Three valve ports are available 73 (normally closed port, may be plumbed to the nozzle), 75 (normally open port, may be plumbed to the jar) and 76 (common port, may be plumbed to the syringe) for use to couple to a reservoir, a spray nozzle and syringe, or other applications requiring three valves.

[0033] The above modifications eliminate any problems associated with the spring return mechanism. When the spray coat machine is not in use, neither valve seat 84a, 84b is held closed, which eliminates the possibility the valve being glued shut.